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Vehicle drive control apparatus and method

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Abstract (en)  
A vehicle drive control apparatus includes an engine (12) that generates power through combustion of fuel, an automatic transmission (10) that transmits a reverse input from a driving wheel to the engine and automatically performs a gear shifting among a plurality of forward gear stages each having a different gear ratio, and a controller (90) that executes a fuel cut control (104) for stopping supply of the fuel to the engine upon establishment of a fuel cut condition including that a vehicle is in a coasting state where a throttle valve of the engine is fully closed, and an engine speed is equal to or higher than a predetermined value. The controller executes a control (114) of the automatic transmission for downshifting at a predetermined coast down vehicle speed so as to continue the fuel cut control in the coasting state, and executes a control (112) of changing a downshifting speed such that the downshifting speed increases as an increase in a deceleration of the vehicle.

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